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Frank:

Would appreciate help on the following: Last thursday before Newsqueen Editors, Laird said Soviets would be ahead of U.S. in all areas Cstrategic offensive, strategic defereive, and conventional forces) by the 1973, 74, 75 time prival if they controve at present rate of build-up and if we do not change our current plans for that period. He wants to spell this out in a speech this used - so I ored undanified companions in the three areas (strategic Offereive, steatigue defensive and conventional brues for the mid-1970's time frame, will

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